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SUBJ: U.S.-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION: WORKING GROUPS

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1. EMBASSY PRESENTED DEPARTMENT VIEWS RE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WORKING GROUPS ON TRADE AND TRIANGULAR INVESTMENT, CONVEYED REFTEL, TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR BEN YAHIA, DIRECTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (DCI), MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BEN YAHIA GENERALLY CONCURRED IN U.S. PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT BOTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT TUNIS-BASED GROUPS AT LEAST HAVE INITIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE MEMBERS, REVIEW STATUS OF ISSUES FROM J.C. MEETINGS LAST OCTOBER AND DETERMINE ACTIONS STILL REQUIRED TO RESOLVE THESE AND POSSIBLY NEW QUESTIONS. HE ALSO FELT SIMILAR MEETING IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT AGREED LEAVE DECISION ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS TO WASHINGTON-BASED GROUPS.

2. IN KEEPING WITH MUTUAL DESIRE TO KEEP OPERATIONS OF WORKING GROUPS SIMPLE AND INFORMAL, BEN YAHIA QUESTIONED NEED TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF BOTH WORKING GROUPS TO CO-CHAIRMEN OF SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

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HOWEVER, HE RAISED NO OBJECTION WHEN EMBOFF NOTED THAT

EMBASSY MEMBERS OF TUNIS WORKING GROUPS WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO SEND PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORTS TO U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN AND PROBABLY COORDINATE THESE REPORTS WITH TUNISIAN SIDE.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE WOULD ONLY BE TUNISIAN COORDINATOR FOR TUNISIAN-BASED GROUPS (IN BOTH CASES BEN YAHIA) AND PROBABLY ONLY U.S. COORDINATOR IN WASHINGTON.

4. BEN YAHIA STATED THAT TUNISIAN MEMBERS OF TRADE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE:

MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HABIB BEN YAHIA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR DCI (COORDINATOR)  
MONCEF CHELBI, AMERICAN-ASIAN DIVISION DCI

MINISTRY FINANCE

ALI AZOUZ, DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
TAOUFIK KAROUI, DIRECTOR OF CREDIT  
(OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES)

MINISTRY NATIONAL ECONOMY

SADOK ENNAFTI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC  
RELATIONS (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE)  
MONCEF FRINI, IMPORT LICENSE SERVICE

CENTRAL BANK

ABDELMAJID DIMASSI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRANSFERS AND  
EXTERNAL TRADE

OFFICE OF COMMERCE

MOHAMED JAMALI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER  
BECHIR FATHALLAH, CHIEF STUDIES DIVISION

5. TUNISIAN MEMBERSHIP OF INVESTMENT WORKING GROUP TO  
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MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HABIB BEN YAHIA (COORDINATOR)  
MONCEF CHELBI

MINISTRY FINANCE

TAOUFIK KALAI, DIRECTOR OF TAXES  
MONGI SAHEB ETTABA, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES  
(OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES)

MINISTRY NATIONAL ECONOMY

SADOK ENNAFTI (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE)  
ABDELWAHEB AYACHI, REPRESENTING DIRECTION OF INDUSTRY  
CENTRAL BANK  
ALI REKIK, DIRECTOR OF TRANSFERS AND EXTERNAL TRADE

INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY

ALI EL HICHRI, DIRECTOR OF PROMOTION  
(OR HIS REPLACEMENT)

MINISTRY OF PLAN

REPRESENTATIVE TO BE NAMED.

6. BEN YAHIA SAID THAT HE WOULD NOTIFY TUNISIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO WORKING GROUPS AND  
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY NOTIFY PETER B. HALE, U.S. COORDINATOR  
FOR BOTH GROUPS, OF IDENTITY OF TUNISIAN EMBASSY MEMBERS  
AND DISCUSS OPERATING PROCEDURES.  
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